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REMARKS

In the Office Action of June 24, 2004, the Examiner corrected numbering errors that appeared in the Office Action of January 7, 2004, but repeated the rejections of the previous Office Action. In the Examiner's response to Applicants' arguments, the Examiner indicated that the claims do not include a limitation requiring that each of the coaxial cable connectors "located in both the first compartment and the second compartment" face the same direction. Similarly, the Examiner indicated that the claims do not require coaxial cable connectors having longitudinal axes wherein the longitudinal axes of all the coaxial cable connectors "located in both the first compartment and the second compartment" are parallel.

In responding to Applicants' arguments on page 10 of the Office Action, Applicants note that the Examiner has referred to "connectors 236, 464 and 469" in Figure 13 of Schneider, et al. Applicants wish to point out that element 236 in Schneider, et al. is actually a coaxial cable, not a connector. Elements 464 and 469 are coaxial cable connectors, however, those coaxial cable connectors are actually connected to the cables and are not "located in the second housing" as required by claim 1 or "located in the first portion of the second housing" or "located in the second portion of the second housing" as required by claim 7. Nor are they "located in the second housing" as required by claim 13. For purposes of responding to this Office Action, Applicants assume that the Examiner intended to

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refer to the coaxial cable connector components located in tubular members 641, 642 and 643 as shown in Figures 14 and 15 and described at column 13, lines 48-55 of the Schneider, et al. reference.

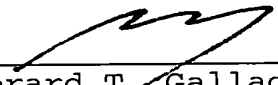
Applicants have amended claim 1 to indicate that at least one of the coaxial cable connectors in the first compartment and at least one of the coaxial cable connectors in the second compartment face the same direction. Claim 7 has been amended to indicate that all of the coaxial cable connectors have a longitudinal axis and that the longitudinal axes of all of the coaxial cable connectors are parallel. Claim 13 has been amended to indicate that at least one of the coaxial cable connectors located in the first compartment and at least one of the coaxial cable connectors located in the second compartment has a longitudinal axis perpendicular to the plane defined by the opening in the first housing. None of the references applied by the Examiner teach or suggest the subject matter of claims 1, 7 and 13. As is clearly seen in Figure 13 of Schneider, et al., the coaxial cable connector located in compartment 31 does not face the same direction as any of the coaxial cable connectors located in compartment 32. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 7 and 13, as well as all the dependent claims, are considered allowable.

An earnest attempt has been made to respond fully and completely to the Office Action of June 24, 2004. It is believed that all claims are allowable. Passage to issuance is respectfully solicited. If necessary to effect a timely response, please consider this paper a request for an

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extension of time, and charge any shortages in fees, or apply any overpayment credits, to Baker & Daniels' Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (72249.4). However, please do not include the payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

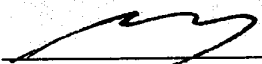


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